



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Horacio D. Espinosa et al.
For : NANOTIPPED DEVICE AND METHOD
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to communication mailed March 27, 2006, requiring election among Groups I through VIII. A petition and fee for a one (1) month time extension are enclosed.

Applicants hereby elect Group I claims 1-18, 56, and 57 for initial prosecution.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected Group II through VIII claims at a later date by way of one or more divisional applications or other means, if necessary.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence and enclosures are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents
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